

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 15 and 18, cancels claims 2-4, 7, 9-11, 14-16, 17 and 20 and leaves claims 6, 12 and 19 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 19.

Claim 14 stands objected to due to informalities noted by the Examiner in paragraph 1 of the Office Action. As indicated above, claim 14 was canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot.

Claims 1-3, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Siwiak (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0165686 A1); claims 6, 8-12 and 19 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Siwiak '686 in view of Siwiak (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0174928 A1); and claims 4 and 17 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Siwiak '686 and Morris (U.S. Patent No. 4,777,629). As indicated above, claims 2-4, 9-11, 16 and 17 were canceled. Therefore, these rejections with respect to claims 2-4, 9-11, 16 and 17 are rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the noted rejections with respect to claims 2-4, 9-11, 16 and 17 is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claim 2-4, 7, 9-11, 14, 16, 17 and 20 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claim 2-4, 7, 9-11, 14, 17, 17 and 20 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other. The cancellation of claims 2-4, 7, 9-11, 14, 17, 17 and 20 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the

present application. Applicants hereby reserves their right to pursue the invention as set forth in claims 2-4, 7, 9-11, 14, 17, 17 and 20 in a continuing application.

Since claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 1, claims 12 and 13 depend from claim 8 and claims 18 and 19 depend from claim 15, claims 5, 6, 12, 13, 18 and 19 are also allowable the same as claims 18 and 15, the claims from which they depend.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 8 and 15 was amended to include the limitations of claims 7, 14 and 20 indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter. Therefore, claims 1, 8 and 15 are allowable for the same reasons as indicated by the Examiner with respect to claims 7, 14 and 20.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 6 of the Office Action that claims 5, 7, 13, 14, 18 and 20 contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 19 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18 and 19 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (ASA-1164).

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